(c) whether the Karnataka Government have suggested modification of this formula;

(d) whether the Government of Karnataka has suggested an interim arrangement to bridge the gap between the supply and demand of power to facilitate economic development of the State;

(e) if so, what is the reaction of Government in regard thereto; and

(f) what steps have been taken to meet the demands of Karnataka Government in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) The power shortage in Karnataka is about 25 per cent.

(b) There is a formula for allocation of power from Central power stations to the beneficiary States in the region.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Government of Karnataka had suggested allocation of 100 MW power from each of the Ramagundam Super Thermal Power Station (STPS) and Kalapakkam Nuclear Power Plant during 1983-84, and an ad-hoc allocation of 150 MW power from Ramagundam STPS and 100 MW power from the first unit of Kalapakkam Nuclear Power Plant for 1984-85.

(e) Government of India have informed Government of Karnataka that a consensus on the formula of allocation of power from Central power stations, which are regional in character, has been evolved after considerable care and effort, and in consultation with State Government/SEBs. This formula is by and large acceptable to the States and it would not be advisable to re-open the matter.

(f) To meet the power shortage in Karnataka, the State is being given substantial assistance from Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh, whenever their system conditions permit such transfer of power.

Setting up of a Refinery at Mangalore

1405. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a detailed Techno-Economic Feasibility Report for setting up of a refinery at Mangalore was prepared in 1978;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps have been taken by the Indian Oil Corporation who had been entrusted with the task of preparation of Feasibility Report as well as the implementation of the Mangalore Refinery Project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PETROLEUM IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI GARGI SHANKAR MISHRA): (a) and (b) A Feasibility report was prepared by Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited in March, 1983 to set up a 6 MTPA refinery at Mangalore at a cost of Rs. 1142 crores.

(c) The report is being processed for an investment decision.

Representation by multinational drug companies against prices fixed for drugs

1406. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representations have been received from multinational drug companies against the prices fixed for drugs;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and what action has been taken in each case;